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- c. Motorcycle Co, with a complement of six officers and 84 enlisted men. The headquarters had a commanding officer who was a captain, a political officer (Lt), technical officer (Lt), first sergeant, company clerk and one medic. There were three platoens, each commanded by an officer and having three squads. Each squad had nine men and three motorcycles, providing a driver, rifleman and machine gunner, each armed with a PPSh SMG, for each motorcycle. Each cycle had a sidecar on which we smounted a DP (Degtyareva Pylemyet) MG. The company had 45 motorcycles, 17 in reserve and 28 in operation--27 for the crews and one for commanding officer. All but six GMZ (Gorkovskii Motorsikletnyi Zavod) Soviet types were US-made Harley-Davidsons; the Soviet-made ones had no sidecars. The company's meapons were seven TT pistols, 83 PPSh SMG's 24 DP MG's and 10 flare mistols. Both the motorcycle and Armored Car Cos were used as reconnaissance units for the 57th Gds Rifle Div and were assigned to regiments or units needing their services by the division headquarters.
- d. Headquarters Platoon, with one officer (Signal Corps), three MCO's and eight privates. One NCO was in charge of the Secret Documents Section, one NCO was a clerk, one NCO acted as chemical warfare instructor, and the eight privates were radio operators. All enlisted men in the platoon were armed with PPSH 7.62 mm SMC's.
- e. Service Platoon, had 10 privates and MCU's who were cooks, supply personnel and storekeepers. All were armed with PPSh 7.62 mm SMC's.
- f. Technical Supply Platoon, had one officer (Lt), 10 NCO's and 12 privates. The platoon was divided into two sections called "Masterskaye Tipa A n B" (Workshop Units A and B).
  - (1) Unit A contained 12 mens one motorcycle mechanic, one electrician, one armored vehicle mechanic, one machine gun mechanic, one artillery mechanic and never drivers.
  - (2) Unit s contained 10 men; one locksmith, one electrician, one POL supply man, and seven drivers who made repairs, maintained the stored vehicles of the battalion and worked as general handy men.

The commanding officer of the Technical Supply Platoon carried a TT pistol and all the collisted men were equipped with carbines. Included in the equipment of the platoon were 12 trucks, two cars and one GAZ  $1\frac{1}{2}$ T, used as an ambulance. The trucks were three  $1\frac{1}{2}$  Fords, three  $\frac{1}{2}$ T Chevrolets, one Studebaker mobil repair shop truck and five ZIS three-ton trucks. The two cars were a US-made Willys jeep and a German Olympia.

	German Olympia.
2.	I should estim to the peacetime T/O of the 93rd Sep Mtrel Bn to be about 22 officer
	33 NCO's and 155 privates.
	this is not a wartime T/O because the battalion commander said the
	wartime T/O & E would add three T-34 tanks, five 82 mm mortars, artillery, radio
	men and infantry troops.

- 3. I do not know how many vehicles were assigned to the 57th Gds Aifle Div or its subordinate units, but all the regimental parking areas were filled with vehicles in storage. \_\_\_\_\_\_ the Division has sufficient vehicles to transport all of its troops and equipment.
- 4. In addition to weapons and equipment mentioned above, the 57th Gds Rirle Div had 57 mm AT guns, 82 mm mortars; and its howitzer regiment had 105 mm howitzers and 120 mm mortars.

## Unit Supply and Maintenance

5. Individual soldiers were responsible for the maintenance of their weapons and great stress was laid upon clean weapons, with daily inspections by platoon commanders and frequent inspections by Army and GOFG teams. As a result, the carbines, SMG's and MG's were in good condition.

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6. Trucks, motorcycles and malf-tracks, however, were obsolete and in poor condition, though operable. Much the same was true of radio transmitter-receiver sets. 

the battalion signal officer had requisitioned new radio transmitter-receivers in 1949 but by July 1951, they had still not been received.

7. Once or twice a month the Motorcycle Co and the Armored Car Co went on trips for target practice.

8. Food and clothing supplies for enlisted men were as follows:

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- a. Fcod 800 gms of bread daily in summer and 900 in winter. In addition, for breakfast, grael (kasha), tea and 17 gms of sugar; for dinner, borsht, macaroni or grael and 50 gms of creat; and for supper, potatoes, 50 gms of fish, tea and 17 gms of sugar.
- b. Clothing One overcoat each two years; one pair boots each year; one blouse and pair breeches each year; clean underwear once each week after bathing.
- the 57th Gds Airle Div can supply All of its subordinate units in wartime just as in peace. The division will draw its supplies from army depots. Shipments from army to division and from division to units is by rails; I don't know how it was done during World War II. the 93rd Mtrol Bn drew its food from the 57th Gds Rifle Div daily. a two-day reserve of food and POL supplies is m intained in the battalion.
- During the moves between summer and winter quarters, supplies are moved by train to conserve gasoline; only the battalion commander and political officer may use vehicles as much as they desire. Except for three Ford trucks used for hauling food, POL supplies and presonnel, and six motorcycles and two armored cars used for training, all vehicles are stored on blocks with batteries disconnected, radiators drained and gas tanks full. The mortars, howitzers and guns of the 174th Rifle Rogt and the 17th Tank Regt, ad those of the howitzer and artillery regiments of the 57th dds Rifle Div were also stored on blocks. The official time allotted to get vehicles out of storage and on the move is 1 hours. On several dry runs and on moves from summer to winter quarters, all vehicles of the 93rd Jep Mtrel Bn were on the move within two hours after the signal was given.
- 11. The total of meapons and equipment of the battalion, both in the supply room and in the units, was:

TT pistols - 35
Caroines - 30
SMG (PPSh) - 145
MG (DP) - 56
US MG 12.7 - 11
US Mg 7.62 - 11
Motorcycles - 45
Trucks - 12
Ambulance - 1
Mobile repair shop - 1
Cars - 2
Scout cars M3Al - 15
Helf-tracks M3 - 3

12. Equipment and supplies ordinarily stored in the supply room of the 93rd Sep Mirel Bn were:

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8 DP 7.62 mm MGs
22 PPSh SMGs
8 carbines, 7.62 mm
300 Soviet made flares, 26-mm caliber - green
150 German made flares, 26-mm caliber - red
150 German made flares, 26-mm caliber - red/green
150 German made flares, 26-mm caliber - red/green
150 German made flares, 26-mm caliber - yellow
5 Flare pistols '
60,000 rounds 7.62 mm ammunition - for pistols and SMGs
70,000 rounds 7.62 ammunition - for carbines and MGs
300 US made rounds for US 57-mm gun
20,000 US made rounds for US 12.7 mm Browning MG
30,000 US made rounds for US 7.62 mm Browning MG
3 RB transmitter-receiver sets
20 knives*
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\*The battalion was issued knives instead of bayenets. These were single-edged, with six-inch blades and four-inch wooden handles.

13. The ammunition was crated in wooden cases which measured approximately 50x30x10 cms. A case of pistol and SMG ammunition contained 2520 rounds in two compartments each holding 1260 rounds; the cartridges were packed in hard paper wrapping in bundles of 70. The ammunition for the MG's and carbines was packed 800 rounds to the case if without magazines, and 500 if with magazines. Cartridges were packed in bundles of 20 in wrapping paper, with 400 cartridges in each of two compartments in the case. Pistol and SMG ammunition cases bore these markings:

(Caliber) 7.62 mm (Amount) 2520 (Cartridge type) PGL (Pistolotnaya Gilsa Latunnavacartridge case, brass) KUF (I de not know the meaning of (Powder type) these letters) (Lot No. Order No. Factory 145/44 V/V (V/V is 3/45 Markings, Year made) Voyennovo Vypuska, or military output, but I do not know the meaning of the other symbols)

See Enclosure C, (1) Carbine and MG ammunition cases bore these markings:

(Calibor)

7.62 mm

(Amount)

300

(Cartridge type)

V Patrony (Vintovochynye Patrony, or rifle cartridges)

(Lot No, Order No, Factory Markings, Year made)

3 II 115/44 V/V (As above, I can only explain Y/V)

See Enclosure C (2)7

14. The battalien had 30 thousand rounds of US-made 12.7 mm ammunition and 50 thousand rounds of US-made 7.62 mm ammunition on hand during 1950. In January 1951 the battalion had 140 thousand rounds of Soviet-made pistol ammunition and 110 thousand rounds of Soviet-made carbine ammunition on hand. In May 1951 the battalion turned over 50 thousand rounds of pistol ammunition and 30 thousand rounds of carbine ammunition to the 174th Gds Rifle Rogt. The battalion supply officer told me this was done because the battalion would not need this ammunition for its target practice, but the 1/4th Gds would.

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In February 1951 all units of the 8th Army turned in weapons and ammunition to the 8th Army ammunition depot in Altenhain. Our battalion turned in 75 DP MG's, 196 PFSh SMG's and approximately 70 carbines. Their condition was as follows:

MG-s - 3d class (not usuable) and 5th class (requiring major factory repairs)

SMG's - good condition

Carbines - 2nd class (worn barrels)

The 17th Tank degt turned in 100 mm SP shells, 85 mm shells and 82 mm mortar shells. At the ammunition depot in Altenhain were approximately 300 carloads of ammunition and weapons of the 8th 3ds Army units, including one carload from the 93rd Sep Mtrel Bn, 10 carloads from the 17th Tank Regt, and 19 carloads from the 174th Gds

Rifle Regt.

 $\hat{\mathbf{I}}$  do not know what was done with the ammunition returned from the units but  $\mathbf{I}$ believe the weapons were sent to the USSR. The weapons were cleaned, oiled and packed at the depot by 200 German workers. I heard from an ordnance maintenance man of the 174th Gds Rifle Regt that all DP MG's were to be turned in to the 8th Gds Army depot in Altenhain and were to be replaced by the other weapons.

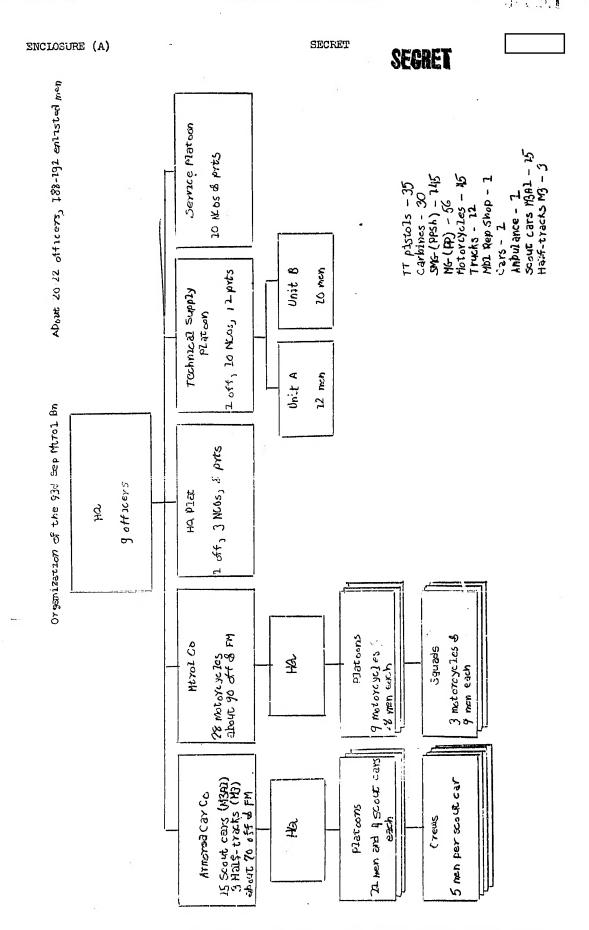
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ENCLOSURES (A)

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(C) Markings and Symbols on Soviet Ammunition Boxes

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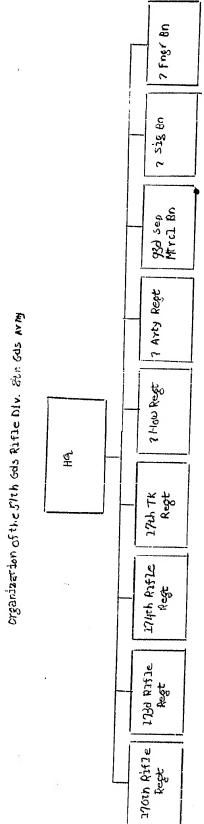
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